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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a divisional application of prior pending Application Serial No. 10/062,434, filed February 5, 2002, which is a continuation-in-part application of pending Application Serial No. 09/929,336, filed August 15, 2001, which is a divisional application of Application Serial No. 09/404,738, filed September 24, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,290,550.

For (Title): SUBMINIATURE ELECTRICAL CONNECTOR MULTI-PIN GROUNDING/DISCRETE  
CIRCUIT BUSSING MODULE AND INTEGRAL CONNECTOR BACKSHELL

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1. ☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached. The attached Declaration and Power of Attorney is:
  - ☒ a. A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney from the parent application. (Used with the same or fewer inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application or (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter.)
  - ☐ b. A new Declaration and Power of Attorney. (Used with the same, fewer or additional inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application, (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter, or (c) a new specification.)
2. ☐ This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application (37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)(1)). Delete the following inventor(s) named in the prior application:
3. ☒ The filing fee based on entry of the concurrently filed Preliminary Amendment is calculated below:

CLAIMS IN THE APPLICATION AFTER ENTRY OF ANY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT NOTED BELOW

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INDEP CLAIMS	1 - 3	= 0	x 43 =	\$ 0	OR	x 86	\$
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4. ☒ Check No. 369962 in the amount of \$ 385.00 to cover the filing fee is attached. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees that may be required to complete this filing, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-2300.

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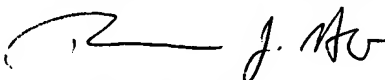
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5. ☒ Cancel Claims 1 - 29 and 39 of the application before calculating the filing fee. At least one independent claim is retained for filing purposes.
6. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
-- This application is a divisional application of prior pending Application Serial No. 10/062,434, filed February 5, 2002, which is a continuation-in-part application of pending Application Serial No. 09/929,336, filed August 15, 2001, which is a divisional application of Application Serial No. 09/404,738, filed September 24, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,290,550. This present nonprovisional application and prior pending Application Serial No. 10/062,434 claim the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/265,906, filed February 5, 2001. The disclosure of all of the prior applications is hereby incorporated by reference herein in their entirety. --
7. ☒ Formal drawings (11 sheets, Figs. 1 - 13) are attached.
8. ☒ Priority of U.S. Provisional Application(s) No. 60/265,906, filed February 5, 2001, is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119(e).
9. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to ARRAY CONNECTOR CORPORATION recorded at Reel 012897, starting at Frame 0477 on May 14, 2002.
10. ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is attached.
11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement is attached along with Form PTO-1449.
12. ☒ Applicant herein qualified as a small entity status in the parent application and such status is still proper and desired in the present application.
13. ☒ The Power of Attorney in the application is to Charles M. Marmelstein, Reg. No. 25,895; George E. Oram, Jr., Reg. No. 27,931; Richard J. Berman, Reg. No. 39,107; Raymond J. Ho, Reg. No. 41,838; Wilburn Chessner, Reg. No. 41,668; Murat Ozgu, Reg. No. 44,275; Robert K. Carpenter, Reg. No. 34,794; Rustan J. Hill, Reg. No. 37,351; Hans J. Crosby, Reg. No. 44,634; Lynne D. Anderson, Reg. No. 46,412; Bala Sundararajan, Reg. No. 50,900; King Wong, Reg. No. 37,500; Sam Huang, Reg. No. 48,430; Rhonda L. Barton, Reg. No. 47,271; Marylee Jenkins, Reg. No. 37,645; Leo Loughlin, Reg. No. 42,811; Sarah Stahnke, Reg. No. 54,854; Janine Carlan, Reg. No. 42,387; and John Hsu, Reg. No. 45,563.
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